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In re Application of: ) Confirmation No. 7453  
Gary K. Michelson )  
Serial No.: 09/457,228 ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
Filed: December 8, 1999 ) Examiner: B. Snow  
For: SPINAL IMPLANT SURFACE )  
CONFIGURATION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 30 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 31 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a courtesy copy of 9 drawing replacement sheets is attached following page 33 of this paper.

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